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Yes

12. Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response and name available but not my address

14. We will share your responses internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for the Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

15. It would be helpful for our analysis if you could indicate which of the sectors you most align yourself/your organisation with the purpose of this consultation (please tick one)

Member of the general public

17. Consultation Question 1: Do you believe that the exhibitions and performances required of wild animals in travelling circuses compromise respect for the animals concerned? Why?

Yes

18. Comments

The use of animals kept in captivity purely for the purpose of being observed by the ruling species cannot be judged as being respectful in 2014. Circuses, I understand, began in the Edwardian era. The consciousness of humanity at that time accorded no respect to any species, and often to any race, other than itself. To keep in captivity an animal which is naturally wild is disrespectful and does not allow that animal to exhibit normal behaviour. There of course is the issue of the cruelty used in 'training' wild animals which should be sufficient cause to stop this practice without the other issues. Animals can be seen in the wonderful wildlife programmes which are now available. There is no need to visit a circus to see these creatures.

19. Consultation Question 2: Do you believe that the exhibitions and performances required of wild animals in travelling circuses have an adverse impact on the development of respectful and responsible attitudes towards animals in children and young people? Why

Yes

20. Comments

Of course. How can one instill respect towards another species whilst giving the message that it is ok to cage the animal for most of its life and then have it perform an unnatural display for the amusement of the ruling species, for the gain of money. Very much a mixed message.

21. Consultation Question 3: Do you consider that concerns relating to respect for animals could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses. If so how?

No

22. Comments

When slavery was alive and well it survived on the idea that the African was not entitled to any kind of quality of life, and did not have similar feeling or perception as the slavers. Anyone who owns even a cat is well aware of the superperceptions and emotional life of animals. Only denial of these senses in animals can allow circuses to continue.

23. Consultation Question 4: Do you believe that the ability of none, some, or all wild animals to undertake natural behaviours are compromised within the travelling circus environment? Which species? Which needs? Why?

All

24. Comments

There is no allowance of normal behaviour in captivity for a wild animal as it is not the natural environment from which the animal comes and is not that for which it is adapted.

25. Consultation Question 5: Do you consider that it is possible to facilitate the natural behaviour of none, some, or all wild animals within the travelling circus environment? Which species? How?

None

26. Comments

There is no need to attempt to facilitate a natural environment as there is no need for animals to be in circuses in the same way as there is no need to send children down chimneys. We understand the wrongness of such things - don't we?

27. Consultation Question 6: Do you consider that the concerns raised surrounding the travelling environment could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses? How?

No

28. Comments

Wild animals travel by their own means to places of their own choice. That cannot be reproduced.

29. Consultation Question 7: Do you consider that there are any benefits to be gained from having wild animals in travelling circuses? What are they?

No

30. Comments

There is financial gain on the part of the circus owners which should not be taken into consideration as ethical behaviour should transcend exploitative behaviour. There are no benefits. In fact there is loss of the dignity of humans who choose to persist with this type of entertainment.

31. Consultation Question 8: Do you believe that there are sufficient benefits to justify the potential compromise to the wider well-being of wild animals kept in the travelling circus? Why?

No

32. Comments

Not quite sure of the meaning of this question. Whatever it means, there is no justification for having animals in circuses.

33. Consultation Question 9: Do you consider that the potential conflict between compromising the well-being of wild animals and obtaining any benefit could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses. If so how?

No

34. Comments

No justification of having animals in circuses and I am wondering why there is a need to seek justification for having them in circuses as most circuses have moved along with the tide of evolution and no longer have them.

38. Don't know

Don't know

40. Consultation Question 11: What effect do you think a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals would have on the revenue of such circuses? Why?

Increase

41. Comments

I know very many people who will not visit a circus which uses animals. Therefore revenue will rise when they cease.

42. Consultation Question 12: If a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals was imposed, do you think that such circuses would still visit Scotland without the wild animals? Why?

Yes

43. Comments

These circuses would be forced to update themselves as others have done.

44. Consultation Question 13: What effect do you think a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals in travelling circuses would have on the revenue of other types of circuses (e.g. static or those travelling without wild animals)? Why?
 No Change
45. Comments
 There are few enough circuses around for competition not to be an issue.
46. Consultation Question 14: What effect do you think a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals in travelling circuses would have on the revenue of circus venues? Why?
 Increase
47. Comments
 More people would attend the circus so they may be able to charge more for renting the venues out.
48. Consultation Question 15: Do you consider that a ban on wild animals in travelling circuses could have an impact on other industries? If so, which industries, what would be the effect and why?
- Film
 - No impact
 - TV - drama
 - No impact
 - TV - documentary
 - No impact
 - TV - childrens
 - No impact
 - Advertising - TV
 - No impact
 - Advertising - other
 - No impact
 - Other
 - Positive impact
 - Other
 - Positive impact
 - Other
 - Positive impact
49. Comments
 The fact that a stand had been taken to implemet animalwelfare may make other industries look to their own standards of animal care.
50. Consultation Question 16: Do you agree that the use of wild animals for performance in travelling circuses should be banned in Scotland? Why?
 Yes
51. Comments
 As stated earlier, animals in cicuses really should have been left behind with the advent of the wildlife programme on tv. There is no need to see wild animals in the flesh in unnaturalcircumstances when they can be seen in their own environment with little or no disturbance to their lives. The forcing of animals to act in unnatural ways for the entertainment of others demeans humanity as well as the animals. The gratification of one species at the cost to another is unethical and immoral.
52. Consultation Question 17: Do you agree that the use of wild animals for exhibition in travelling circuses should be banned in Scotland? Why?
 Yes
53. Comments
 See above comments
54. Consultation Question 18: Do you consider that any ban should be a blanket ban on all wild animals in travelling circuses? Why?
 Yes
55. Comments
 There is no place in this day and age for animals to be used in circuses.It is a thing of the past and was implemented in times when we knew no better. Wild animals can be seen on wildlife programmes in their natural habitat without having their liberty taken away.
56. Consultation Question 19: Do you consider that any specific species of animal not commonly domesticated in the British Islands should be permitted to be used in travelling circuses in Scotland? If so, which species and why?
 No
57. Comments
 There is no justification for any animal to be used in any circus. They suffer due to the circumstances in which they are kept and by the treatment they recieve.
58. Consultation Question 20: Do you consider that there are key species that should be covered by a ban in the event that a blanket ban could not be achieved? If so, which species and why?
 No
59. Comments
 A blanket ban can be acheived if there is a will to do so. If there is a senses of feebleness, then one would need to talk of key species. However, as with slavery, how would one differentiate between them. Which species is more deserving than another and how do we earn the right to judge?
60. Consultation Question 21: Do you have any other comments on whether/how the use of wild animals in travelling circuses should be banned from Scotland?
 Yes
61. Comments
 Someone has to stand up and be counted here. Not so many years ago horses tails were chopped off as that was the fashion. We have left behind many of our beleifs and habits from the past. If people were reminded of this they could only agree that there is no place in the modern world for such things to continue.
62. Consultation Question 22: Do you consider that the consultation paper explained the key issues sufficiently for you to properly consider your responses?
 Yes
64. Consultation Question 23: Do you consider that you had sufficient time to respond to the consultation?
 Yes
66. Consultation Question 24: Do you have any other comments on the way this consultation has been conducted?
 No

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